

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Pursuant to one or more of the following Arkansas Codes, 20-76-201(13), 20-10-211(a), 20-10-203(b), 20-76-433, 20-77-102, 20-77-107, 20-77-603, 25-10-129, the Director of the Division of Medical Services hereby issues the following proposed changes in the Medical Assistance Program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

Arkansas Medicaid proposes Nurse Practitioner Policy Manual Update No. 46. A statement has been added to the provider enrollment requirements that persons and entities excluded or debarred under any state or federal law, regulation or rule are not eligible to enroll or remain enrolled as a Medicaid provider. Incorrect information regarding availability of extension of benefits for nurse practitioner services has been removed from the policy manual. Clarification and additional information for occupational, physical and speech therapy services has been included.

The proposed Arkansas Medicaid State Plan Amendment to providers is available for review at the Division of Medical Services, Program Planning and Development, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access it on the Medicaid website (www.medicaid.state.ar.us), and download it from the "Proposed Rules for Public Comment" section of the website's *General* menu. Policy accessed from this location will be watermarked with the word "Proposed". All comments must be submitted in writing no later than January 27, 2005.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact our Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at 682-6789 or 1-877-708-8191. Both telephone numbers are voice and TDD.

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